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THERE FOLLOWS ESSENTIALS OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT CLOSE OF ERTS
CONFERENCE, ACCRA, APRIL 8-10

THE CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, GHANA, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES INFORMATION SERVICE, GHANA, AND WAS ATTENDED BY
DELEGATES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: GHANA, CAMEROUN, IVORY
COAST, LIBERIA, MALI, TOGO UNITED STATES AND ZAIRE. RECOGNIZING
THE GREAT POTENTIAL VALUE OF REMOTE SENSING IN THE MAPPING AND
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ASSESSMENT OF GEOLOGICAL, SOIL, VEGETATION AND AGRICULTURAL

RESOURCES -- RAPIDLY, ACCURATELY, AND COMPARATIVELY CHEAPLY
-- THE SEMINAR PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ESTABLISH, PREFERABLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANISATION, UNITS WHICH WOULD ASSEMBLE REMOTE SENSING IMAGERY, NEGATIVES OF AIR PHOTO COVER WHICH ARE HELD ABROAD AT THE MOMENT, AND EXPERTISE IN ALL AREAS OF NATIONAL INTEREST, THUS MAKING SUCH DATA MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCIENTISTS AND OTHER USERS.

2. ZAIRE IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON ITS ENTERPRISE IN PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LANDSAT GROUND RECEIVING STATION. WEST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE URGED TO COOPERATE WITH ZAIRE AND WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN WHICH SIMILAR STATIONS MAY BE ESTABLISHED, TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MAXIMUM COVERAGE FROM BOTH LANDSAT VEHICLES.

3. GOVERNMENTS ARE URGED TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA OF A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

4. TO ENABLE FULL USE TO BE MADE OF THE RICH SPECTRAL DETAIL PRESERVED ON COMPUTER TAPE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TRAINED PERSONNEL BE SPONSORED TO VISIT ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE THE NECESSARY ANALYSIS AND CLASSIFICATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

5. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE URGED TO DEVELOP A CAPABILITY FOR AIR PHOTOGRAPHY AND INFRA-RED SCANNING FROM THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT, BOTH TO OBTAIN GROUND TRUTH FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF SATELLITE IMAGERY, AND FOR INDEPENDENT SURVEYS.

6. ACTIVE RADAR IMIGERY HOLDS GREAT PROMISE, ESPECIALLY FOR MINERAL PROSPECTING AND GEOLOGICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF GROUND WHICH IS NORMALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUD AND FOREST. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE FACILITY SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

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7. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD, WITHOUT DELAY, SET UP NATIONAL COMMITTEES TO ADVISE ON PLANNING FOR OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA.

8. THE CONFERENCES WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HELP AND INSPIRATION WHICH IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA, THE AMBASSADOR

TO GHANA OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, GHANA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE, GHANA AND UNITED STATES A.I.D., THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GHANA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, GHANA, AND MANY OTHERS.

ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORING THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED, IN ADDITION, THE U.S. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND THE BENDIX CORPORATION OF AN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EARTHSAT WAS PRESENT AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONFERENCE.
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